

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
FEBRUARY 18, 2014

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hunt – Present
Councilwoman Harp – Present
Councilman Boyer – Absent
Councilman McAuliffe – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilwoman Mull – Present
Councilman Duckwall – Present

Due to the IT department dealing with the server crash the recording equipment was not available.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Mull stated that 4 County Counseling has their meetings on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Each month they have their meeting in a different County so that they have contact with each County they serve. There are 9 meetings in Logansport and one each in Miami, Fulton and Pulaski County.

MINUTES

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve the January minutes. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS

COUNTY GENERAL/HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL

Due to an advertising error, the levy for the Health Department was wrong. In order to correct the situation, an appropriation of \$60,000 from County General is needed to cover expenses for Environmental Health. Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

COUNTY GENERAL/PLANNING AND ZONING

Tammy Gamble informed the Council that the Plan Department had CAD software at one time but she has no idea what happened to it. The maps need updated for the comprehensive plan. The software will cost \$3,600 and the remaining \$400 for paper and ink. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to allow the appropriation. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

PROSECUTOR/FORFEITURE FUND

The Sheriff's Department seized property and money in 2 different raids and came to an agreement with the Prosecutor to use those funds for the purchase of 3 cameras for their cars. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to allow the appropriation. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

PROSECUTOR/DEFERRAL

During the budget hearings, the Council asked the Prosecutor to put some money in his deferral budget for insurance. The Prosecutor is asking for \$15,000 be appropriated for that purpose. The Prosecutor is also asking for \$15,000 for training. Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to allow the \$30,000 additional appropriation for the Prosecutor. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

JURY FEE FUND

A budget was not submitted for the Jury Fee Fund and we have some trials that will be taking place. A request was submitted for an additional appropriation of \$20,000. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to allow the appropriation of \$20,000. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

An additional appropriation of \$2,500 from Public Safety for automotive cost was advertised due to that amount being cut during budget time. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

C.E.D.I.T.

The \$55,000 additional appropriation from C.E.D.I.T. was tabled from the January meeting so additional information could be gathered. After some discussion, Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the appropriation. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

MIAMI SEWER BOARD APPOINTMENT

There were four names submitted to the Council for consideration to be appointed to the Miami Sewer Board. The four were Becky Hodson, Dave Hanby, Jerry Fitzpatrick and Cory Kotkoski. Councilman Hunt made a motion to appoint Jerry Fitzpatrick as recommended by the Sewer Board. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

ABC BOARD

Due to the passing of Jim Wilson, Tom Gates, ABC Board, asked the Council to appoint Mr. Wilson's son James to fill his father's term. Councilman Hunt made a motion to appoint James Wilson to the ABC Board to finish his father's term. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Harp wished to thank everyone that helped her put the package together to help her understand. She appreciates all the help and support she has received as a newer member of the Council.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

Gabriel Greer and Steve Anderson have been working very hard to make a skate park for the Community a reality. They have gone before the Board of Commissioners and are now coming before the Council. They passed out booklets with information on what it will take and what they have accomplished so far. They were recently informed that they would have to put a fence around the area, which they had planned to do later on but they are going to have to do it now. They are not just looking for money, although that is a crucial need, but they are looking for any kind of help they can get to make this project happen. They are in need of labor, supplies, materials and basically anything that to further the project. Commissioner West said the Commissioners like the plan and support it but since they could not afford to give the employees a raise, the Board did not feel they could help financially. It was decided that a committee consisting of Councilman Duckwall, Councilwoman Harp and Councilman McAuliffe would meet and see if there are any options that could be considered by the Council to help the project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted

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